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REF: (A) BANGKOK 16044, (B) BANGKOK 15709, (C) BANGKOK 15326, (D) BANGKOK 14709, (E) BANGKOK 9063, (F) BROH-KAHN/BARNES TELCON

1. IN WORKING OUT PROCEDURES FOR NEW 25,000 PAROLE PROGRAM, OF WHICH 12,500 WILL BE LAND REFUGEES, INS HAS AGREED TO OUR PROPOSAL TO APPROVE INITIALLY 5,000 PRE-AUGUST 11 REFUGEES. INS, HOWEVER, IS CONSIDERING USING INAUGURATION OF NEW PAROLE (AROUND JUNE 9) AS DATE ON WHICH ANCHOR RELATIVE WOULD HAVE TO BE IN U. S. IN ORDER TO CONFER ELIGIBILITY ON CLOSE RELATIVE IN THAILAND.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE POST ESTIMATE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ON

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HOW MANY REFUGEES NOW IN COUNTRY WOULD BE MADE ELIGIBLE UNDER CATEGORY I IF TAIL NOT CUT UNTIL JUNE 9. NOTE FROM REF E THAT 3750 WOULD BE MADE ELIGIBLE UNDER CATEGORIES I AND IV IF ALL IPP 77 REFUGEES COULD CONFER ELIGIBILITY. SINCE ABOUT 2,500 OF 8,000 LAND REFUGEES WILL HAVE ARRIVED IN U. S. BY JUNE 9, IS IT CORRECT TO ASSUME THAT ABOUT 30 PERCENT (2,500 DIVIDED BY 8,000) OF 3750 OR ABOUT 1,100

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WOULD QUALIFY IF TAIL CUT JUNE 9?

3. FROM REFERENCES IT APPEARS TO US THAT 12,500 LAND NUMBERS WOULD BE USED ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS:

A. 5,000 FOR PRE-AUGUST 11 REFUGEES, INCLUDING 3,350 IN CATEGORIES I THROUGH IV PLUS 1,350 APPROVED UNDER IPP-77. WE ASSUME ABOUT 1,000 OF THIS TOTAL WOULD BE USED FOR KHMER.

B. 1,100 FOR THE TAIL BEFORE JUNE 9.

C. 4,850 FOR POST-AUGUST 11 REFUGEES.

D. THIS WOULD LEAVE ABOUT 1,500 FOR FUTURE ARRIVALS.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM BY IMMEDIATE CABLE IF THIS UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT AND HOW LONG 1,500 NUMBERS FOR FUTURE ARRIVALS MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO LAST. VANCE

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